

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local)	WC Docket No. 07-135
Exchange Carriers)	

ORDER

Adopted: December 20, 2007

Released: December 20, 2007

Revised Filing Date:

Reply Comment Date: January 16, 2008

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On October 2, 2007, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the above-captioned proceeding seeking comment on a variety of issues related to access stimulation.¹ The NPRM was published in the Federal Register on November 15, 2007, and as a result, comments in response to the NPRM were due on December 17, 2007 and reply comments are due on December 31, 2007.²

2. On December 19, 2007, FUTUREPHONE.COM, LLC., the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association and the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance, and CTIA – the Wireless Association filed Motions for Extension of Time requesting an additional fourteen or sixteen days within which to file reply comments in this proceeding.³ In support of the motions, the petitioners collectively note that, given the holidays which occur between the current comment and reply comment due dates, the parties will be unable to review the extensive record and prepare fully responsive reply comments. The motions request that the Commission extend the time for filing all reply comments to January 14, 2008, or January 16, 2008.

¹ *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 07-176 (rel. Oct. 2, 2007).

² 72 Fed. Reg. 64,179 – 64,185 (2007).

³ Motion of FUTUREPHONE.COM, LLC., for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 07-135 (filed Dec. 19, 2007); Motion of the National Telephone Cooperative Association and the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 07-135 (filed Dec. 19, 2007); Motion of CTIA – the Wireless Association for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 07-135 (filed Dec. 19, 2007).

3. We find that providing an additional sixteen days to file reply comments in this proceeding will facilitate the development of a more accurate and complete record. We note that it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁴ Given the complexity of the issues that are raised, the large number of comments that were filed, and the intervening holidays, however, we find that good cause exists to provide all parties an extension of time from December 31, 2007 to January 16, 2008 for filing reply comments in this proceeding.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and section 0.91, 0.291, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, reply comments in this matter shall be filed on or before January 16, 2008.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the motions of FUTUREPHONE.COM, LLC., the National Telephone Cooperative Association and the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance, and CTIA – the Wireless Association for Extension of Time ARE GRANTED, as set forth herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).